

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

August 24, 2007

Message from County Executive Walker

This week I announced a proposal for a stronger non-smoking ordinance for facilities operated by Milwaukee County and issued an Executive Order establishing a 30-foot smoke-free area away from our building's entryways.

The resolution I will send down for the County Board's consideration eliminates the exceptions that are in place in the existing policy. While the current ordinance prohibits smoking in our buildings, it did allow for some designated areas. These would no longer permit smoking upon passage by the Board.

Just so it is clear, my ban is on smoking in county buildings. This is different than a countywide ban. I am acting as a building owner would to protect my employees and visitors. We are joining other building owners like Northwestern Mutual in banning smoking in or at the entrance to our buildings. This is a right that any business or employer has without creating any new law.

The idea to strengthen the policy came from employees and visitors who raised concerns about walking through smoke on the way into county buildings. This change corrects that problem.

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Walker strengthens smoking policy



County Executive Walker is joined by members of the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association of Wisconsin, the youth program F.A.C.T (Fighting Against Corporate Tobacco), and the Smokefree Milwaukee Project, to announce his efforts to strengthen the smoking policy at Milwaukee County facilities.

South African Sister City



County Executive Walker is joined by Sup. Michael Mayo, Sr., UWM Chancellor Carlos Santiago, UWM Dean of the College of Health Sciences Randy Lambrecht, Mark Anderson - President and CEO of the Center for International Health, Sup. Elizabeth Coggs-Jones, and other members of the Task Force on African and African-American Investments and Trade, to sign the resolution re-establishing the county's Sister City relationship with Buffalo City, South Africa. The program promotes cultural, health care, and other mutually beneficial exchanges.

Hoyt Park Pool Progress



County Executive Walker, members of the Friends of Hoyt Park & Pool (FOHPP) headed by Denise Lindberg, Parks Director Sue Black, and Supervisor Lynne De Bruin gather at the FOHPP "Hoyt Perk" event. Walker signed the resolution for Milwaukee County to enter into a lease agreement with FOHPP to construct, maintain and operate an aquatic pool and related facilities at Hoyt Park. Sup. Jim "Luigi" Schmitt also worked on the effort for the project in his district. The informational event, attended by area residents, explained the purpose of the non-profit FOHPP, the \$4 million grant received from the TOSA foundation, and plans for a proposed coffee shop at the site.

Events Around Town

County Executive Walker held a meeting of southeastern Wisconsin leaders to initiate discussion on developing a regional transit system to run transit systems in our area and reduce costs. Also this week, Walker attended the swearing in of 8th District Supervisor Pat Jursik, joined area business executives to kick-off the annual United Way Campaign at Bucyrus International in South Milwaukee, and will participate in opening ceremonies of Mexican Fiesta at the Summerfest grounds.

Parks Activities



County Executive Walker joined Gus Gnorski on Fox6 Wake Up at the Domes to promote a variety of park events and activities. County softball playoffs involving 48 teams are underway, with the championship to take place on August 28 at Wilson Park. The raffle continues for the Harley-Davidson motorcycle to benefit parks. Other items include dinner for 10 at Lake Park Bistro, \$1000 certificate to Coast Restaurant, and a Trek L200 bicycle from Wheel & Sprocket. The \$5 tickets are available at county US Bank locations and county park golf courses. See www.countyparks.com.

Brown Deer Dining



Walker stopped at the St. Paul's Dining Center in Brown Deer for lunch and discussion on county issues